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No.

Dearest mamma & Frances:

If you were here you would say oh! it is cold - for cold it is. We are all squatted on the kang covered with my down coat & feet a hot water (at our feet) This sounds worse than it is in reality. This is Sunday eve & the cook is out in the other room fixing eggs & the bread for supper. Miss Tan & no one here with me as the kang. We had a nice Sunday - two services & big crowds - and a nice dinner at one of the Christian's of meat pao tze. My pen seems to be on the blink or something so please excuse it. I have a feeling this isn't going to be a very presentable letter - not written under the most conducive circumstances for letter writing. — must go back to pick up the ends of the past two weeks since I wrote to you. The couple of days before Christmas were very busy getting our christmas pageant in shape & it was such fun. There are an unusual number of young women in this church not married — so it was they who did the representing. We took the Bible & songs & recited

3/ added lines of conversation to complete by present christ birth - from angels annunciation (read only) to mary till the wisemen visited the Babe! The first few days it seemed pretty crude + hopeless but eventually came out beautifully. The dress rehearsal gave all a chance to laugh at each others costumes + beards etc + we took a picture of the whole group -

Christmas eve, the cook worked till 12 fixing desies + arranging various kinds of food on plates; in readiness for christmas dinner the next day. Mrs Ivins + I (Lad made fudge night before) fixed a star with red paper streamers for center of the table - + Mrs. Coonradt had sent out a nice little paper mache Santa, in it pack candy + a present, Erva sent a package + so we fixed them on the table + with our own packages in real paper we were quite festive. Finally slept about 11:30 but each in turn got up to catch the "uncatchable cat" that insisted on getting in! (we stayed for our dinner until about 4 p.m.) About 4 a.m. we wakened + sang all of the christmas songs (we could not go out carol singing because of the upset conditions) + read Luke + prayed + then opened our packages — I didn't have time brought out - I told you before baby - + I was glad I hadn't — got up by time the girl was

(Lad went at 3 a.m. when he woke up - as it wasn't time)

3 "angel" came to get us to go to her home for breakfast. The last weeks there we were out 2 meals each day - we were graciously entertained in all the homes. Back home to get off for morning service. Cook had fixed Santa + 2 little pots of red flowers (in Xmas box) on the white paper tablecloth which he decorated with red paper corners - very attractive — Rev. Claw was there to lead the morning service. The folks were quite elated over the number of guests + preparations for the day - so they had decorated the church with paper streamers + Christmas scrolls, — also with pine boughs outlining the church door - after service took a group-pictures. Then hurried home, the busy housekeeper, to see about the dinner - at which the minister, the elder + the teacher of boy's school, + one of the new evangelists, + we 3 + my teacher Mr. Chi. + The cook was in his glory - fixed 20 plates - The is surely clever + a good cook. I wish you all could have had a taste. These country folks were quite surprised - at least that teacher asked cook what kind of food did fixed anyway!! Dinner went off nicely — + all was eaten! Then we went for the P.M. program at the church. The students had prepared songs - + a little stunt

4] out of a song which is one of the most popular we use - Two beggars in rags who believe Jesus + are happily singing outside a rich man's gate. He asks them why they are happy etc - + their answers giving the gospel story form the verses of the song. - It has a catchy rythmn + it comes so close to the daily lives of the people that they all love it! The boys had prepared it for the program, one the rich man + the other the beggars - & they were "sights" beggars in appearance to be sure! All went well so far. The church is small + there was such a crowd it was just impossible! Windows full + aisles & outside the doors. People - fine but there was just a rough element & they wouldn't listen for themselves nor allow others too - How they loved a play - of home scenes & every day life which was quite lively + & that with the kind of a crowd was too much! We learned later that some of the local bandits who'd caused such terror there had come to see - so leaders didn't dare to say too much about the disorder - because in such a circumstance the less said or

5 the loss of any kind of talk is
see if one is disliked by him - they just can't help it
the only way. Our hearts felt the
spirit of day was just spoiled +
No.
furthermore we just had no possible way of
putting on our christmas story, & the
girls in it + the pastor too felt so,
So we just announced that it was
over for the P. M. It was hard to
dismiss the crowd as they'd seen the
camel's head + angel's wings. ete-
We went home + as we left the
crowd then dispersed - We were weary
so just went home + slept. about dark the
teacher came to say we'd have a nite meeting
for our part only. This was what we'd
wanted at first but fear of the upset
conditions kept them from planning
it. However, we had it. The house was
full! But so quiet + attentive - + such a
wonderful spirit was manifest. The am me
met at first - that if they were not still
we'd go - to give it again. The Holy Spirit
surely had a victory over the spirit of
the afternoon. The girls just did it
beautifully they too felt the spirit
of the afternoon + determined to have
it present. They spoke so plainly
+ did so well that all heard +
got the message - There was such
a stillness that they didn't even
my grey fur mitten + yellow sateen lined!
laugh at the camel - + I thought
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that that would surely "break
up the meeting". Having it at

b. mitel made the angel + the "glory of the Lord" lights (a couple of lanterns + a flashlight) much more effecting — Then the after it was over Santa played Santa giving presents to the children. I forgot to mention the sheep made of towels + the reds twisted into horns + our white fur garments for coverings. It was such a nice evening - reverent + happy without the least of the uproar of the P. M. We want to bed so happy. It was in all a lovely Christmas + they all did appreciate it so much. It was so nice being with mis Ida + mis Tam + fixing things together - I was reminded that last year I did it alone. It would not have been half so nice in being too - I still love it out in the country. How I have changed since before going to Moody! To think then I'd consider this all happiness! But oh it is worth while. I expect you'll see many changes in me than I realize - but maybe not you'll not see me in this environment so maybe not. The next day after church - they announced that soon we must leave + that P. M. they wanted to have a meeting

I] at the church for us: about 4 - they came to invite us to go: According to the customs if you're invited to dinner or to some such an affair you must wait at home till someone comes in person to escort you. Perhaps several may come at intervals to ask you to come. After being properly invited & escorted we went. Again the church was transformed - The students desks placed end to end in 2 long rows with benches for chairs - On the tables were potted plants - plates of cookies & peanuts & tea cups. We were escorted to the "high seat of honor" & the girls (& men [elders, students]) served the tables. It was very unique is that those who sat were all women, the elders & local minister & deacons were busy helping arrange each table & things in general, - the men serving the women just the opposite of the Chinese way - which makes the woman feel but a servant for the men - I could not but feel - How Christ has uplifted the women of China & Formosa is due to the gospel - now the government is saying all must unbind feet & have a chance for education but that was first advocated by the church! We surely love a glorious Master!

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8] The next day we had classes + packed I don't know when I've so regretted leaving a place. I just loved them. Flew about nine o'clock Sat: our things all piled in 2 big carts - large springless wagons each with 3 mules - we made our departure. All had come to see us off - students, members, minister + elders + all - the girls in the class cried + cried - just wouldn't be comforted. We suggested we'd sing to try to change the weeping to singing but in vain - no one sang + each with his face in hands still wept. It was a big farewell - + a sweet time we'd had. The nicest part of it was that they are planning themselves to carry on the classes. The older girls to teach those who can't read. A local minister - now losing his eye sight had for several years just back slidden + didn't even go to church - - because of him many others too had fallen by the way. The first week he didn't come near - but last 2 weeks came + so enthusiastically helped with all! It was a joy to see him come back to the master!

9] Rev. Claw whose church this is was so happy over the results - Sometimes formerly just a few out for church - NO. many confessed their sins + and truly there seemed a real revival of the Spirit there. Just pray the Master to lead them here! One old lady 3 years had'nt been to church - - - She wept one morning in church + told Miss Taw later - "oh her sin was so great" + now no matter what sled or top back" She came 2 weeks regularly. Such a joy as it is to walk with such a master!

later -
many days have passed + still this endless epistle is unwritten - - Was just on the verge of departure from our record place out this time + I want to write some to-night

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Still later many days! am back home now. Sunday nite. Have had a nice waffle supper with Chandlers + enjoyed it so much + then played the piano for a while + now I want to get my letter off. It is eight-thirty now so am not sure just how much I can do but - since this letter is already a patchwork quilt I'll add another block!

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10] We were a little over two weeks in Sung Ke chuang. This is the farthest away of any of the churches near the mountains + it was there that we had our cold cold snap! Since returning all say it was the coldest it has been in years. I felt so sorry, the girls Miss Jan + Miss Hua did not have felt shoes - but we borrowed a pair + Miss Hua got a pair of straw shoes for about 20 ¢ + filled them with straw + then a lady sewed a pair of old cloth shoes on the bottom for warmth in soles + so we managed but now I have gotten all four felt shoes. The teacher made a trip to the town where they are made + got them fairly small - so they will not drop off their feet nor look so clumsy as mine. I am so happy to have them for them. Will go again this Saturday + take them. Just now it is quite warm but soon will be cold again. We bought pine boughs to heat the kang so we'd have a warm spot to warm hands - but with that + hot water bottles + my down quilt we

11/ managed pretty well. At first when we went folks seemed a bit indifferent & dissatisfied but the last showed a different spirit. One night a woman came in unlooked for, crying & asked for something to make a girl who had fought with her mother-in-law & drunk kerosene & eaters matches vomit. One half of a bar of soap, which had come in Enos's box went for it. The cook said he'd helped give soap to a number of such patients - so back saying that she was so violent & it herself - They gave it to her & she just spilled it all. They returned for more soap so the last half went - Last time they held her & got it down her & she vomited - She didn't die much to her sorrow - & the whole family "lost face" over the affair. The next day her husband came with presents of peanuts for the cook & me We urged him to believe & accept the Master, fortunately Mrs Tan had a bit of soap - so I lasted till I got home.

An old man came one day for medicine He was entirely alone - had heard much of gospel - read the catechism & parts of N.T. He understood. Well we urged him to believe & he said yes I will! I've decided to for sure!

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12/ Next day he brought peanuts + toasted sun flower seeds! In about two days in a.m. he was out on street but P.M. he was nearly dead. The Chine cus-toms is that one must not die on the Kang but must be carried to a bed + especially summer or winter buried in new cotton wadded gar-ments. The elders said his relatives carried him from the bed too soon + left him out in courtyard without his clothes a long time (speeded his death-only I guess) but that night we heard the loud wailing as his relatives all went to the temple of the earth to burn incense & accompany his spirit there + set up in the low stone structure a wooden name tablet on which his name was written. They wailed for into the night. Can't describe this hopeless wailing. There is the a certain form to it - It has to be a certain rythmn etc + sometimes all in unison. I have heard some such remarks as this concerning a certain one's weeping "They don not cry beautifully at all" - They don't know how - I've heard others do it so much better etc." It surely is a hopeless round! However, in spite of all - he was buried with health-rites + all - I feel his decision that

13] was genuine + I surely had a feeling that I'd gone to be with the Master- or the NO. grace the love of God that just passeth our comprehension. We are so prone to look for worthiness but who is worthy after all !!

We were entertained in every home I'm sure - meat + vegetable dumpling + garlic! You'll be positively shocked that I've descended to that level! and I am too but it is good + one must eat it in self defense if others do + I rather believe the clinic theory that it kills germs they say one can eat almost anything if you add garlic. + tell of cooolie drinking water which had killed some folks but they ate garlic with it + a.l.r. Be that as it may I think it is strong enuf. for that. But anyway I just eat it with the rest (another change) It is so good at the time of eating but about an hr later - my one's mouth tastes awful- a bit like onions !! The last day there we just had one after another in procession bringing in baskets of peanuts! They are the staple crop in that region - also they grow many sunflower seeds - But

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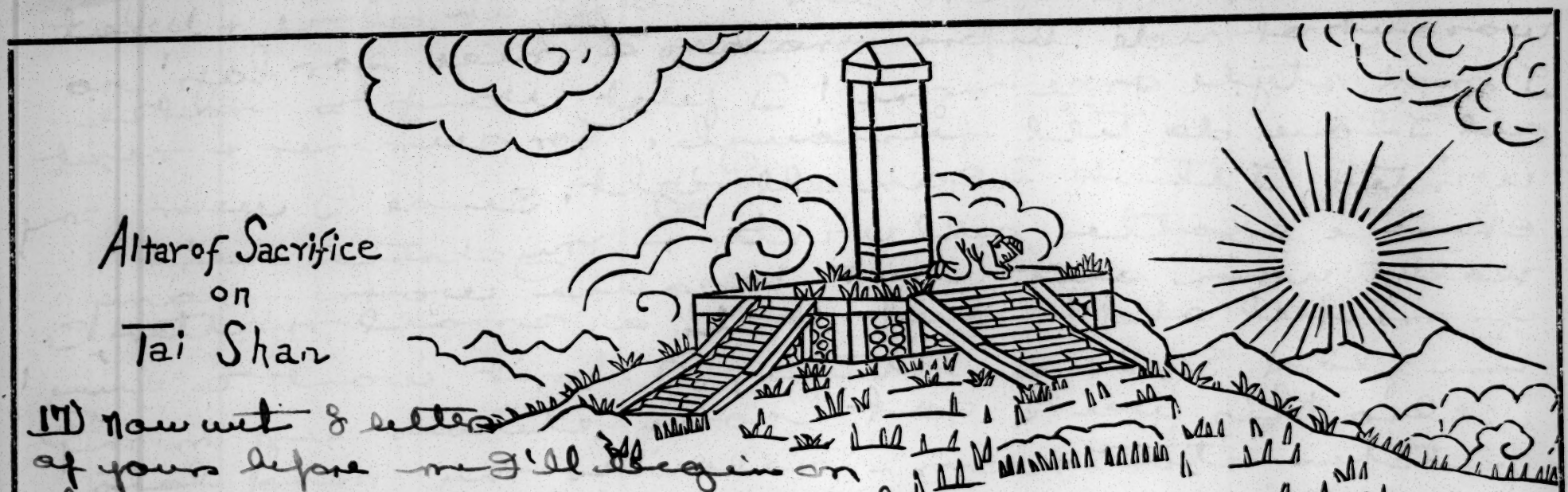
14] some in an oven to try them. Toast
nice + dry + crisp. They are good!!
It was so near the old Chinese new
year that we couldn't go to the
last place + besides they sent word
that it was too upset. It was the
same place where Miss Law + Wang
escaped the bandits last year;
again piled in carts early we got
up at 4 a.m. for we'd a long 80 li
ahead of us - cooked pao tzu which
all hands + cook had made the
night before + sat on the hot kang
waiting the carts. Even that early
a lot came to see us off. The manuke
managed all the affairs there was
blind (since 16 yrs). He surely was
clever + the way he'd go to markets
+ buy things - was just remarkable!
That day we were a funny group:
The cook had caught a wretched cold +
he was up in the front of the cart
wrapped in a couple of blankets -
Mr. Chi, the teacher, had a big
boil on his thigh + couldn't sit -
so he practically reclined on his
side. Miss Hwo two days before
leaving had an abscessed tooth
so she'd been miserable. That day
she slept - - so did Miss Tan -

15] Thanks to the Heavenly Father the cold wave broke before we left - + we had no sun + no cold wind till late P. M. My big fur coat the sheltered us! We sat to Hsuo Li closing to my chiere lone - miss Tai's lone, got there just at dusk. It was so good to get there! They are just so nice to me! Called me. She sent the cook + always [illegible] for you! What happened this [illegible] had frozen in the cold + had running sores. Got them pretty well cleared up the before I left. Sat. I planned to leave but nothing would do but I'd stay over till Mon. - no P. M. I got the bus + came on. Miss Hsuo had expected to come with me but she had a cold + stayed over! At Tai Yuen there was a slow freight train which came at 4 + a fast one at 6 - I foolishly decided since they both reached here about same time I'd go on the slow - It was a freight train with just a couple cars on end. We rode for over 1 hr. in the dark - no lights + then stopped beyond the station. The cook had come on Friday so I had to manage my bed roll + medicine case alone as they'd not check on that train -

16) It came out all right as a man helped me to where the coolies were! & a very eager crowd on the train listened a long time to my preaching. They asked me to tell them what the tracts wheeled & gesticulated meant; It was such fun! & surely enjoyed it!

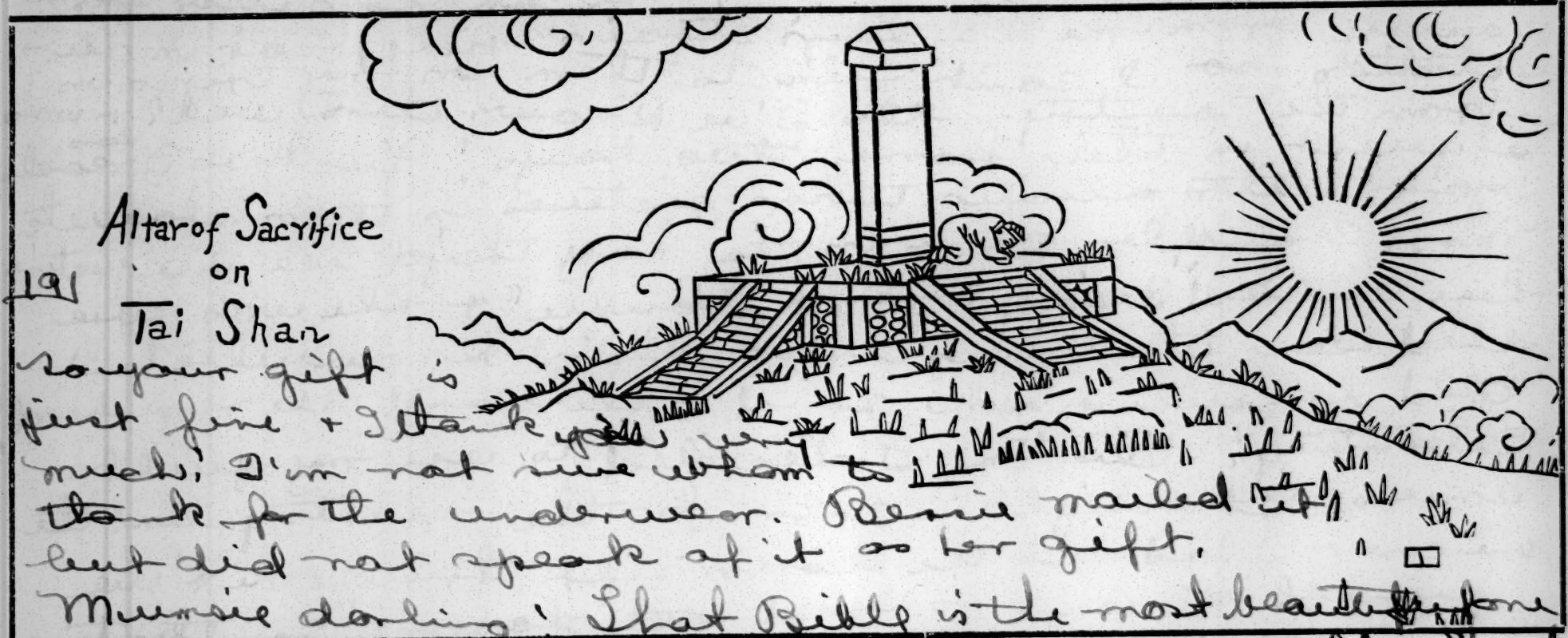
Got home — a big table of mail & packages was waiting me — & just revelled in the news. Cook had water hot & I bathed & got in bed - just read until 1:30 - & got all the letters; My mail a nice pile of letters & cards & some unexpected gifts - Mummie a big pile of letters from you: That is what I went for first & how I enjoyed them-

Gts news = Unity - Sandra - has come - I must close for now & write again. I expect tomorrow night. I've gotten off that report at last to Mr. Miller (Isabel's father in Vancouver to print & he'll send it to you mummie dear to send out. The press here at Ipsiang finally closed & sent me just a copy! I was just desperate - written in Sept. & here January & not off. I'd done Isabel's & John's as I returned to find ours mine



17) Now wait & letters of yours before me I'll begin on them; Mumsie please add their names to list. Soon you'll be getting ~~trade~~ reports from mr. Miller Thanks you dearest for all your help & trouble. You surely take a load off me by sending them out for me, Yesterday I just clung to this desk & I'll be at it again today - getting off necessary letters, just the ones that can't wait from my big drawer full — I had tea on my new Tai An walnut carved tables - Mrs. E. sent me for Christmas grass linen doilies to fit them & I enjoy them as much. At least it saves the embarrassment of guests just dangling a cup of tea. I got off a long letter to Bud & Bess. I don't know when I've written. But I just had a good visit - & till 11:30. I'm burning the candle too much these days. I fear I'll pay in colds when I get to the country — but seems I must get these off; I can go back to my eight o'clock bed time in the country. The cook's gone home again & I have had to break in a substitute he's done very well tho. Washed a pair of woolen blankets that I'd taken to the country & so washed the windows - I've spent a little time pressing my clothes. It surely takes one to keep up two sets of wardrobes! This time I came in - all my woolen dress & coat a mess of wrinkles - been packed in mail bags. They will pass I guess now. I hate too fast belonging to a post age but Mrs. E. helped me & that little tan velvet hat I'd not worn much

18] we took off stick up + bent it down + what
wasn't at side before makes a nice ear lap! so
I'm in style once more! I just want to make
all I have do till furlough. For summer + next
winter. I think I can all right. Since I wear my
chinese clothes all winter + my clothes aren't
really worn out but because worn many
years feel glad! but that's a small matter to
am glad I have them, I don't want to buy!
Also this week got some shelves up in my
kitchen storeroom - relieves my mind lots
for all were just piled on the floor so now
that's fixed. I'll gradually have a presentable
establishment. Isn't it funny! Still enjoys me
my living alone + running a house to!
Glad you met Johnsons. He wrote me a letter too telling
me about it. It was very thoughtful of him to
do so. They'll be coming back pretty soon.
Had a nice letter from miss Elnor Shirk - I'll write
her for now you're not there I must write after -
but mummie you still keep them informed please.
Horrible letter writing is so impossible. Bless your
heart mummie dear, you just shall go with me
wherever I go when I'm home + I don't want it
any other way. I want you!! You will go to see
them at Roseburg. The christmas cards will be
useful. The teacher can write on the back of them
verses I salvaged those without names for my
own use. That is another necessity here where
there aren't or if a few they are 30 or 40 ¢ each -
They do to send to foreigners in China. I saw Leo's invite
in the church rack didn't send me the pictures -
Those stockings were fine I thought those stockings you'd
gotten me for country were iron + wouldn't wear out
so I gave away 2 prs. the brownish ones - but here
because my felt shoes are so hard on stockings
I found a heel out. When I wrote you I meant
finer stockings to wear in town but what you've
sent, Sister dear, and first what I need. I had already
gotten a couple pairs of soft English woolen ones
lighter in color for town + to wear under the heavy -



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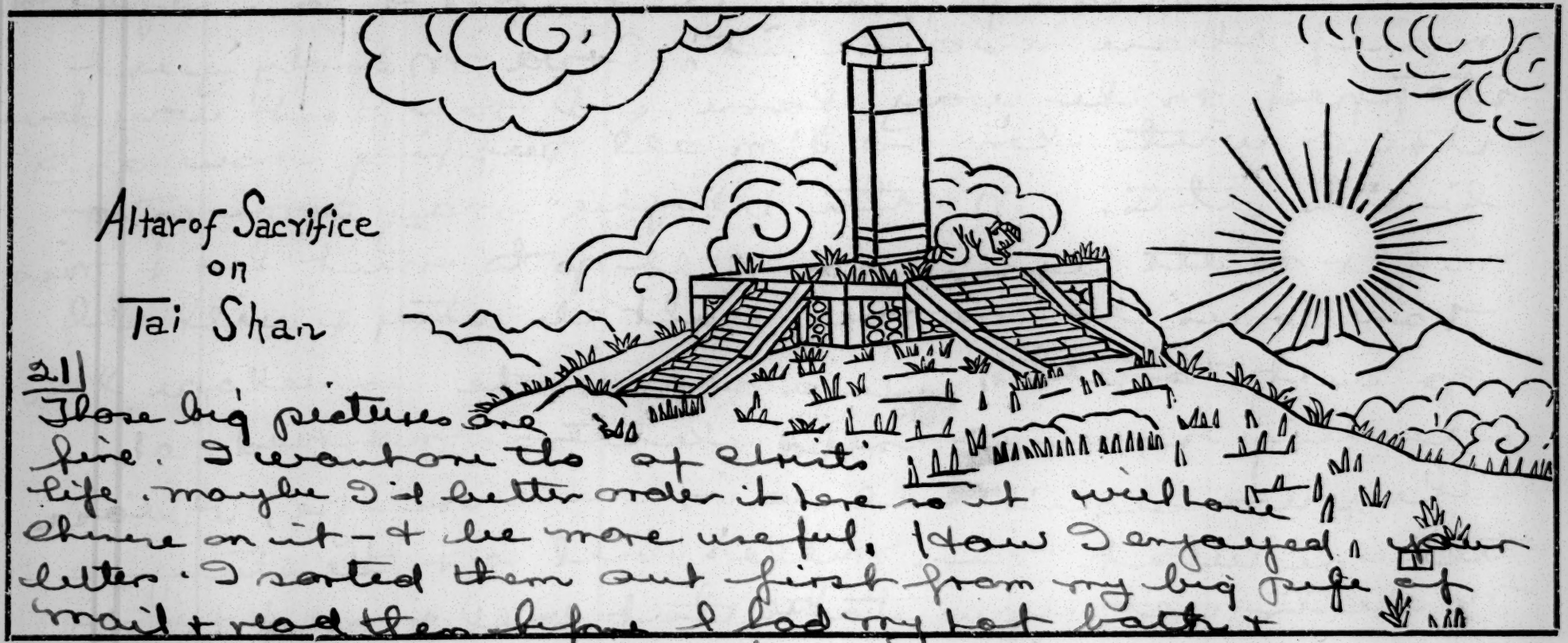
so your gift is just fine + I thank you very much; I'm not sure whom to ~~thank for the~~ underwear. Bernie mailed it but did not speak of it as her gift.

Mummie darling! That Bible is the most beautiful one I have ever seen! So clear in type + is small - I had no idea you could get such a lovely one! Is just love it! Thank you honey mine - it is just so empty sounding to say thank you - Mummie precious - you've done too much. When I asked for it I meant that the brush + clothes order was cancelled + now all this comes!! I'm swamped!, + speechless. I'll try it out this trip the bag I mean. I think it will work finely. It is just great + just what I wanted + did you how the little spicket put on the rack or was it done that way already! I am sure it will be most satisfactory + a real joy. I must contrive some way to catch the water + some kind of a little room or curtain shelter. When we're all in one room. I just splash under my bathtube + then dry it but this must have a bit more freedom. I am sure that can be managed. It is just great. Thank you one in all. In the Chinese way I'll bow deeply three times + that's the best I can do in Chinese custom - that's the nth degree.

I've written Bitha once - please you thank her for me. I used post to help the blind boy who by the way is ill in hospital. Please

20] pray for him! Mummy, the Johnsons live far away from me - a day's train ride, not in our station so I can't run to them on my trips in from the country. Tho I've known them well + was a guest in their home two days! Just as I was reading your letter about twins pictures in twin showers Mrs. Chandler came in to say they'd seen a picture here called "Seeing Oregon Double" + she was sure she'd seen the twins but didn't know which. I told her what you said + she said she remembered! Interesting! This time I decided to use my quilt covers. It is light is color for the country but the one cover I had let the down sift thru some + we all always sneezed with down! So this time I had the gauze tops put on, + can wash it when dirty. I'm just getting sick of unused things piled up. So my great delight the other night at dinner I mentioned to Mrs. Smith who said she'd have to order shoes from home about my arch preservers + she tried them - + bought the black oxfords! Joy! I told her I'd sell them me. that I paid gold $12. Really if I'd charge what she'd pay gold it would be 30. or more for exchange is so high now. But I'm so glad to get rid of them. I think I'll borrow her to get the high shoes made into oxfords - + then one John one already in China. Enclosed one of her printed letters! The underwear is fine. I'll not need it tho this winter - maybe next! I'll see I thank you heaps! Mrs. Marberger, bless her heart sent a lovely box of delicious chocolates! Isn't she sweet always to send it! Three years she has! Bertha surely has a sweet spirit about helping. I do appreciate it so much! It is just the master provision for in faith I have just taken on another student - making five now. So glad Leo writes you so often. I'm power lonely for a scrib from him!



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Those big pictures are fine. I want one of christi life. maybe I'd better order it here so it will have chance on it - & be more useful. How I enjoyed your letter. I sorted them out first from my big pile of mail & read them before I had my hot bath & piled up in bed to read the rest until 10 o'clock in A.M. That was my town Christmas "Sure the speech at Presbytery was in Chinese. All I do hear to be! The last box I sent De Etta was not so fortunate as the Christmas box to you. A brass box which she wanted especially was broken when it got there. I'm sorry, I may try to replace it. Stupidly I forgot to put Sarah's gift in the box!! So wrote her & sent a little silk picture; That rain must have been a blessing! The Oregon city church looks nice. They sure made a real welcome for Ray! Fine! I see a Mrs. Sophia Chandler. I just asked Mr. C. how if they're related - He didn't know. Ray will you never grow up? Ha! Wait til I come home - you'll not find your gift I just challenge you !!! I missed his "annual" not too late yet! The members of that church must not be on the reducing diet - well, they could do worse than eat- I just loved just that kind of affair too !! My oh me!! Isn't it too bad! I feel sorry for Swapies. He let me know how it comes out! Just must pray for them!

Glad mumsie darling you liked the scarf. I'm sure you look pretty in it! My darlin littte mumsie & her pretty white hair. Your gifts were lovely, all such nice things! That was sweet of Twins & their Christmas gifts.

This time in has been quite gay. Had three dinner parties & three teas & an endless string of calls & guests. I haven't time to reread all of this but

22] it in the hodgepodge that it is I have repeated myself please excuse it! Eva Moody just stopped on her way home + I saw part way down street with her so I'm all puffing now as I finish this. Martha Wylie may come in to night on the train so I'll go to meet her + miss saw comes to-morrow night to stay + will all go out together. In a separate envelope I'm sending some printed letters marked no1. They wouldn't all go in one envelope, Please tell me what mr. miller's bill is + the stamps- no letter yet upon take that bill + add to it 2.50 + pay up the Moody alumni dues. Then send the enclosed to the Board Treasurer + ask them to send upon the gold. That will the most convenient I am sure. That will make it possible to pay. as I have no gold account at home,

Well, I must close this. Saturday go for two weeks out to Pingree region, Then come in for a couple of days to go to Shik Kow- Rocky valley- for a month. I'll be able to write again when I come in but not before I guess. Matter dear, here's your birthday so near- that it will be passed + gone before this reaches you to no letter nor remembrance, I'm sorry but it was impossible to get a letter to you for it. Forgive it dear? — must have decorent ones. You're all so precious to me- I'll remember to pray that God be glorified in us -

Lovingly, Irene

Ray- you all must Read Splendor of God"- Honoré Willsie Morrow- Morrow Pub. Co. new York- Wonderful-!!

Evangelia Rm.
January 月 11, 19 8a
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No.

Dearest mother + all!

Well, my good intentions to write the
couple of weeks I have been side
tracked + aggravated in various ways
and even now that I get out my
pencil + paper it is in a pretty cold
atmosphere + I'm not at all sure that
my hands will work. Am seated on
the rug + have my fur overcoat,
have my feet all wrapped up —
Mrs. Law + Wang are putting bean curd +
cabbage soup into a vegetable stew + Kaifu
made sweet potato flour + vegetable
soup. The cook has a pan of veal.
Field warm up cabbage + pork dish +
one made with pretty turnip-meat
+ veal all mixed in it. Wang with
our various dishes spread out on
a piece of blue + white oil cloth +
will have a real feast — maybe
eat a few peanuts, as a prune or
two if we feel very extravagant
Christmas-like & have a bottle of Ponty Vin or as
were due to have some of our
nice hot food with us — else we
fear would be pretty cold. Inour

2 home. Shy laugh at me for every place I live in Said home. Dyed, Ytell them I know it as really one or can't any way its up with the Master + I truly am anywhere I'm to put up is home — as much as anyone place can be on this side of the Pacific where you aren't surrounded by Senoritas seem a bit like home but more like a stopping place from which to get life's necessities for more wanderings. Well, I love it anyway — to some may think it's a pretty queer sort of life. Miss Wang & I just come up on the ferry with our feet strutched out into cool ocean wind clothing so we will not + as mist blow cool the air is getting better - my hand is warming up!

Well, I haven't told you how we spent Christmas and start off as my last letter said we planned to. Well that A.M. was about as cold a day as we've had — a biting wind just cut the coats at first was dubious but I said I could use my fur mittens + wrap up facing that wind in a coat but I did not suffer at all. As women + little girl were going part way so it

3 had them part way for company. I wrapped the little girl in my fur big fur top coat & we went A B to the big dollar - (that fur I bought with my first months pay. to think of it makes me laugh) she led me - a coach was waiting in the matinee. I went past two days & had a reception & got from my Chinese family. It was a festival day & I just got there to eat pork & cabbage dumpling with mrs Tais mother (Elder sister in law) I have to call her) Then they all came in & we had a visit before we went again to face the wind & flour promised to go back for the Chinese New Years holidays. I had to remember I am sure March a visit for me a chance again to see. For the 2nd Xmas I came but at that time I had never seen the festival in the country so I want to go for several reasons. It will be funny! New Years morning all the nieces & nephews + cousins come to wish & wish the elders a Happy New Year & sing I'm aunt a great aunt to a boy & girl

I will see my part to receive then
+ give them presents of candies
all tied up in red papers. I'll tell
you more of this later —
We reached Nagachia Sing just
at dark + began at once to plan
for Christmas. However we couldn't
do much as it was a new group of
believers + no students to put
on a program. We did try to
plan a bit, but not much. We + Teddi
+ mr. Mao contributed to a pool + candy
fund. I had a few pictures to give
to a person with a scripture
verse about receiving + believing + beautiful
This was for those who had been
baptized. the day before Christmas -
I'll tell you of this later - The night before
Christmas we spent wrapping up the
packages + pictures + then I went
with Miss Law + Wang to sleep on
their kang + we were living in sepa-
rate houses. Early Christmas morning
we walked + rang bells - went
to the gate of each of those in the
church. Then home + had breakfast
+ got off for service. We had the
Christmas story + songs + then I got
the crowd out of the room to
give them their cards + peanuts while

5] they gave the christians theirs my but there was a crowd, I had fun, until
mr. Mac we stood at the 月 日 forward
No.
gate + read a picture card + each
child a handful of peanuts. They were
very glad for they were stolen
canes from the tracks upon which
the train for dinner. my christmas
day was a quiet + restful one.
dinner — This time not so elaborate
but not so bad. Ruth I sent
out Brazil nuts + almonds + candy. there with coconut
strips. made a new + different
kind of sweet to proceed the meal —
see that is chinese. Mrs Clow + Wang
the teacher Mr. Ch — + the old couple
the old at the village + received
for position a standing — those living
lived were guests. See with the
great respect for elders — his wife
Then the sons + nephews + last
honored. — Dr Pack the all
came + thanked me + I said
invited them or even more so.
The Brazil nuts + almonds proved
real curosities — the old gentle-
man said — "to think I did live to

5| eat and that's it was a joy to
divide with them; then after
several visit dishes of rice mrs Clar-
ke's steam pudding with raisins
added a sweet unusual ending
and all felt very honored + proud
Will & felt honored that they
were last night as we all
Happy Christmas.

This place is the one Diane talks
about that one day - when these
were originally 3 christians.
Well, with last marches mail
& again this month we had
the joy & thrill of hearing Rev. Law
examine them & then in afternoon
to see the Baptism & giving the
Lords supper to 20 some. Will it
was a joy to have had a wee
part & it to-be seen was in
It She dear old mrs. Chiang
who believed that first day is
still so true & sincere & she asked
several times about you & when
I said you had been living
alone she said, "my' she should
& keep me company - wouldn't that

6 What he fine !" We said to him
the fool - this Tom's mother dies
alone now - next the time One can't
A B
No.
wife in Tring too, miss Tom away +
and not at school - We said
what a pity you can't speak
Clive + live with her + she is
a dear - She like you in that she
loves us + is quiet + not
fussy + she has been gone for many years
I don't really till just about this but
he is very natural + we like to
stay + she is very distinctly -
Well then if ~~it~~ we could have walks
part with Ruth + then stay would
be another possibility - Well will see.
We stayed at Mrs Dix's
after Christmas + had the Kids away
four more nights + it was wonderful.
The old gutterman + lady lived with
I just loved them - The old lady
believed ~~not~~ nearly - as to the
able to understand a lot she did + but
but she only wanted to depend on
Jesus. She was no quiet - placid
as to the deal before I'd get up
with various messages + on day she
said my stocking had a hole -
I didn't know - but I took care I got
cleaned them She next came here

7] ol came with thread for me to mend my clothing. She is over 70 & had read part of a single catalpa She'd come every night to listen to the class. I can't tell of each of them but they are a precious group. We felt badly at leaving Walked 15 li & came here on Tuesday. I felt sure God led little for me especially Dear - but 15 here alone are 13 men who can read the Bible 2 baptized & the rest are interested. We can done 5 chs. of Matthew. I want to finish thru before Jap in. I am surely busy - preparing for exam. with Jap in. on 250 chs of Gen & writing 300 characters & recognizing 500 new ones. We get up at 6:30 & [illegible] - & have breakfast & then matt class & then I study with Teacher. Then dinner & read with the coming study - about dusk & group of little street girls come in for a story & then after 9 hr. with Matt class & I'm ready for bed. I love it & do not think

8] to be idle Sassure you I
will be easier the when I come
back not to have to study so
many hours the spirit of study
will be much lighter than
now. I will still be busy like
you - when I be get ready to go
home I don't know. Do not
me as poor as they come and am
Elite with any suggestions about
what colors are especially good
Maybe write Elite will tell me the
most in the Spring as soon as
its out. Soon judge butterbolt
to buy in Shanghai I had put
a few in a dream the other night
Dreamed I went home and the
Roof not a roof to meet
me - you will not frighten
me - the rain not trouble
more when me - I shall
know how to work like
the bee, I hope dreams
are opposites

9th on new dyears day - I could
well this year I go home about
still I can't believe it!
The time is going pretty fast.
I hope I too can carry to Seattle
and might Ray + Eula now right + I must type
— I guess I'll do the
whole family and but I
realize that is not possible.
Eventually — I'll see all.
Tomorrow is a market +
I've chance to mail this so
I'll send it on. Please pardon
pencil — I just use a pen to address
the envelope but its too cold
I know you'll pardon it —
This isn't much of a letter. But
I need lots of love to all + do
love you all so!! Give my
love to all + please pray with
me that this new year I may
be useable for a for greater glory
to Him in 1931 — I am comforted that.
Much love — you're the purchasing
agent now! How much
duty?
Miss Elsa + Vanseed
their love — —

Hoi Yii
February 4, 1930

No. ..... 月 日

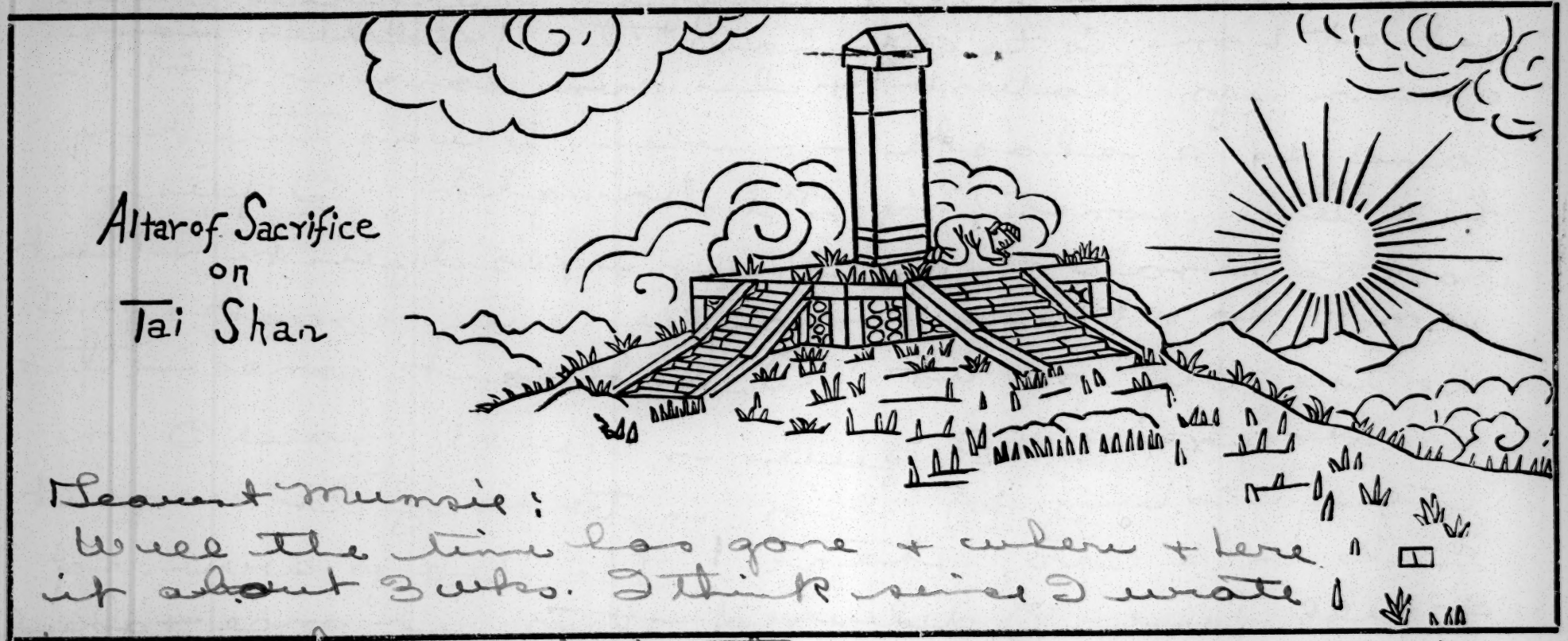
Dearest mumsie:

Home from the services today + the minister who came up with us from Kaomi missed the bus today because he couldn't get on for the crowd — I'll have a chance to send a letter — It can't be a very long one but a note to go so you will hear + can to use the chinese expression "rest your heart". I know this, mumsie dear, you don't worry + I am so glad for your faith.

Your letter got off at home + the day that followed were just one hectic rush, guests — getting ready etc. I tried to write you the night I left but at eleven o'clock after a bath I sat in bed + wrote one letter. By the time I'd finished it my head was almost on the paper. So up at 6.30 got up at four — + wrapped a tiny pen tray of Japanese lacquer + put it in an envelope — the best I could do!

The day before we left Tsingtao we

3) had a bit of excitement. miss Tan was at my home + wanted to go to miss Hua's - We went out on the street to get a rickshaw + Mrs. Flowers who saw us go out came running out to say there had been a strike of the rickshaw men. Soon miss Hua came in sobbing, walked a long way, + said the rickshaw owners had tried to give rickshaw men 2 days free pulling - not to give rent to owners, + it seems the lines were to run at least not extras! Well, they run extras + it greatly incensed the rickshaw men who the next day went stonesute pretty well smashed up four buses — The police were trying to get it settled - It is just the narrow margin of existence that makes a few cents pieces look very big! + the competition of the machine again human power - it's the old story. The same thing is Peking happened between the electric tram + rickshas, We are surely living in midst of a changing world here, As a result the next A.M. we had to get a garage car for the luggage etc to make the train. Mr. Coonradt



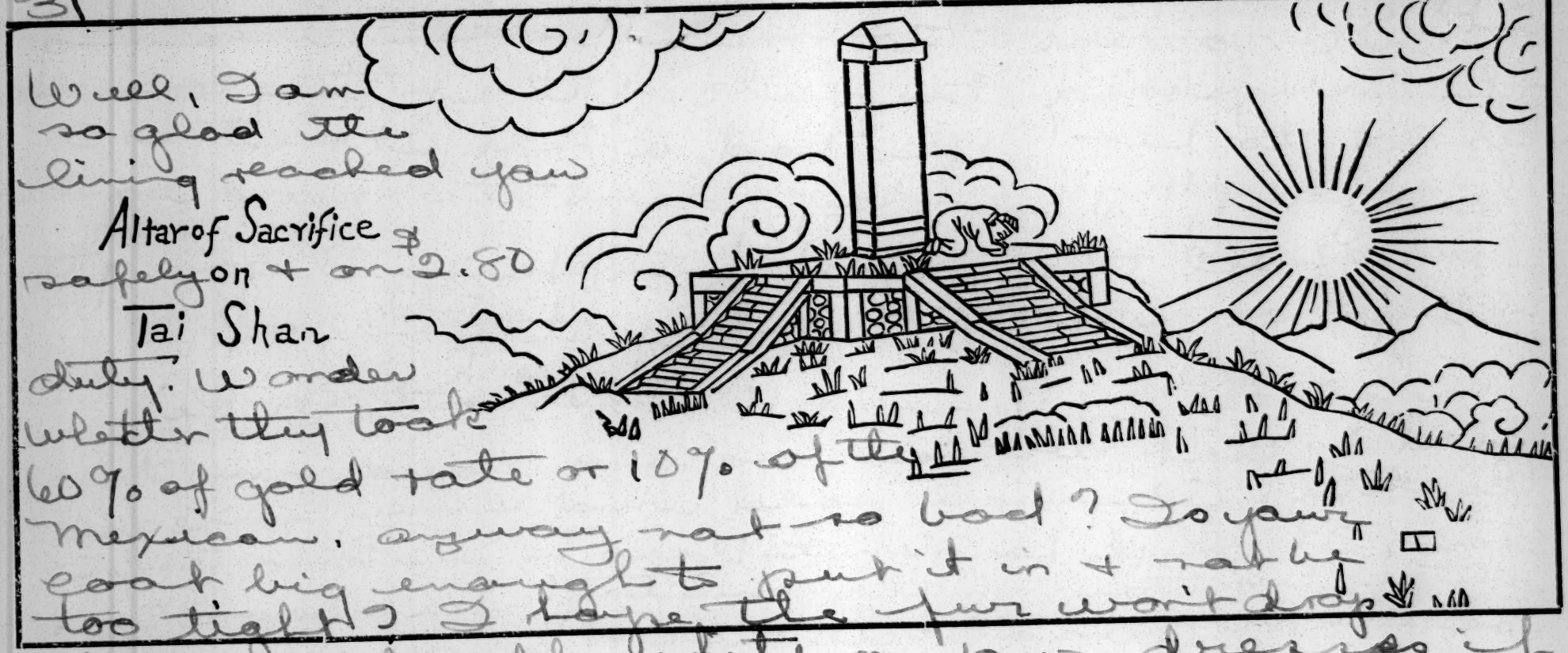
Dearest Mumsie:

Well the time has gone & ouken & here it about 3 wks. I think since I wrote

2 Tsi Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
February 5, 1934

to you from out in the country. I wonder if you got that one it went a devious path by mankiks & carriers but I trust reached U.S. at last. Here I have five letters to answer. I'll do that first & then tell of me. She cook has gotten so he recognizes your letters. So many on lovender paper & the writing too he knows, & often asks me if it isn't my honorable mother's letter. You've been no good honey dear to write. I came home & found two letters which I carried up to Weihsien where I went for a week's conference & back again, now I just must get them off! So glad the boys are doing so well in piano; Well, I do not get very excited either over real estate deals yet — your many bargains & but I am so glad you're being careful & I'm sure when you do trade it will be worth it. Yes, I'm sure Daddy is pleased at Woodlawn & muddy. Had such a nice letter again from Rev. Blew —

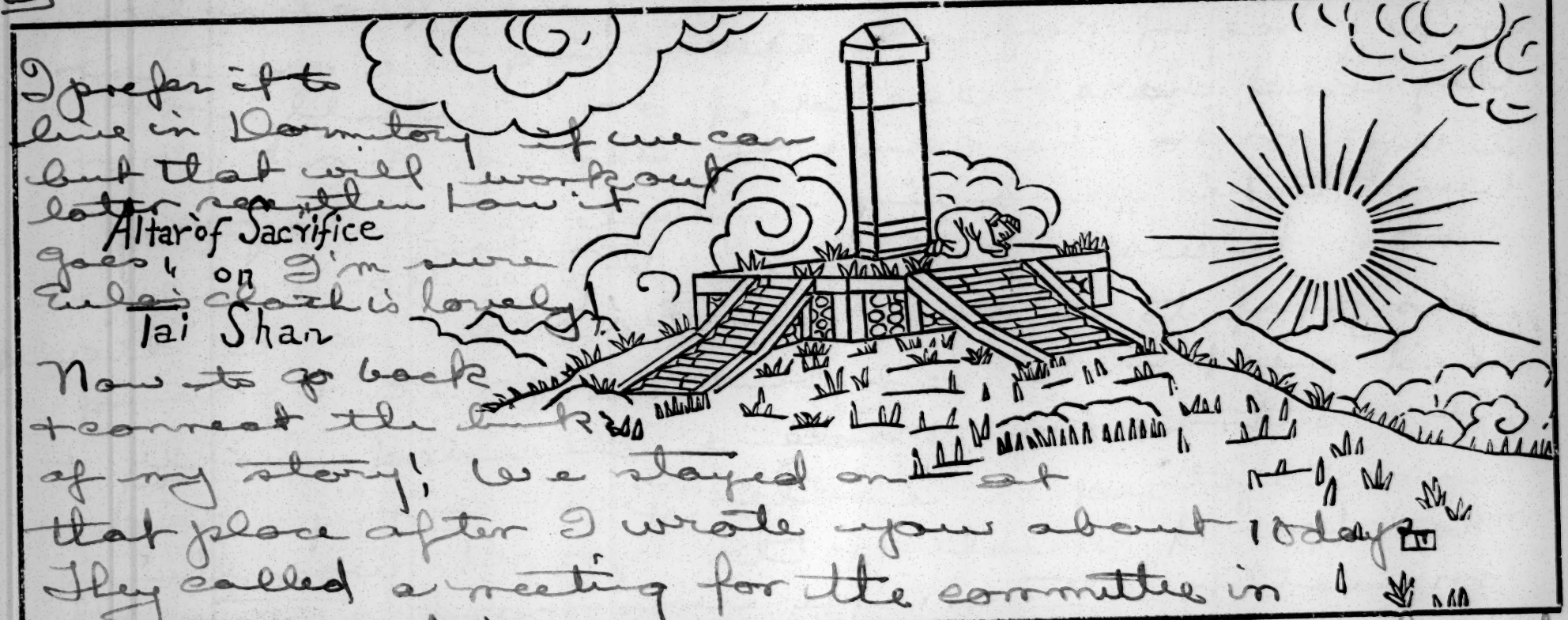
2] I am sure one of the biggest surprises Durid
get at home is to see how the kiddies have
grown up. Robert + his own car + a girl! -
Carol as a skeet! -- when I was thinking
last like something I'd bought - I just
had to draw myself up + read just that
won't do at all! maybe even roobs will
be too big for it! I just can't conceive them
as bigger than I is queer - well now I'm
trying to buy for Lin in terms of taking out
girls in a car stage! The bags arrived
all fine. I delivered them at once + already
have recd the money for one. I like when
put in mex. price the small ones are $7.00
I was afraid they'd think it too expensive
but they didn't. The rate is 4.00 - to 1 gold
now. Today at the consulate they have
a rate of 5 - 1 for passports. so I have
to pay 35 Mexican for passport. The
rate when buying things here is our advan-
tage but when buying american things
not. Thank you for your trouble + I
thank you for them they were all grate-
full to you. Thats fun to have the restroom
for country parks + nice for you to do
that! Thats such a clever little cheat
you sent. Better than other banks - one
that fails not! Don't worry when your letter
are late. They often wait for me weeks
here so don't feel badly if a bit delayed
especially by such a nice surprise as an
old friends call. Yes, the girls are just
precious all of them + are so nice to me!



Well, I am so glad the lining reached you safely on + on 2.80 Tai Shan duty. Wonder whether they took 60% of gold rate or 10% of the Mexican. anyway not so bad? Is your coat big enough to put it in + not be too tight!? I hope the fur won't drop off or rub off onto on your dresses if so put it in between! I am glad if you like it. Sure you don't want a fur coat? What's Bud's idea? I feel better hustle if he does. The more I read of the hard times + all in U.S. the more sorry I feel. You remember Daddy Si predicted such a burst of the bubble! A home in Salem would be nice if it is that nice + so rent sounds good. See, I said passport. Yes- actually that is surely nearing home going time. Missed it by 11 days to be able to get my passport extended - but time to get a new one + so bad to get a picture taken also this a.m. probably be weathed but so it passes. + don't hold me up from entering the U.S.A. I don't mind what it is like + for $1. can't expect most expert work. - Taken in a Japanese shop!

Passage is reserved on President Jefferson sailing from Shanghai June 24 to Seattle. I get sad thrilled when I get so near as

4) this! Have so little time to think ~~it~~ about it. It's so nice that miss Barbee is having the California trip etc + that they are so good to her! You had a nice christmas & and glad!! That day seems the most wonderful of all the year! So Harvey C. going to Egypt or did that delay stay him?
So glad Mary Nala + Wilmer out of Ki. called by that window so I've moved over to the stove. There is a cold wind + my fire got low. Its much harder to keep a uniform temperature here than in the country! The Board sent me a copy of what they'd used of one report + it was almost all used - a part - but even they in condensing it had some sentences not correct - glad it those pictures will be usable. In the country Margaret W. wrote asking me whether I'd registered or not at the Seminary. I did board then there were only 4 places in the dormitory for women! I'd been waiting for a Board letter but didn't wait any longer - I hurried on the registration letter. I hope maybe in your writing to the Dean, they'd figure I'd registered me or maybe Eva Moody who is there + spoke some time ago about me. Your idea of registering as a student is good - I'll be eager to see what they say but I doubt it in any way as they only accept college graduates. Even Anita couldn't get in there - but a matter might be an exception. Margaret had written about her matty who was there before + they said no place for matters - I wondered if Margaret + her matter + you + I then might not get an apt. together - suggested it to her but don't know how it will work out. See later. But I feel sure there will be a way!!



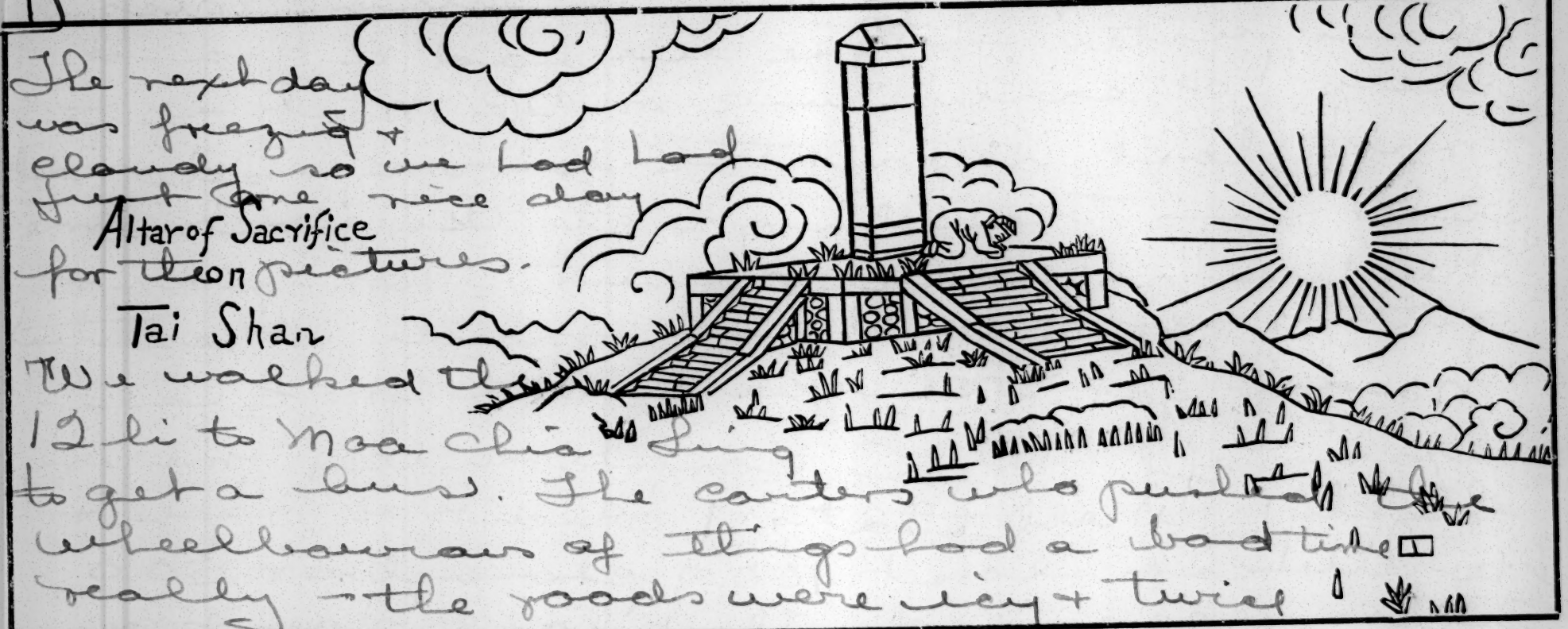
I prefer if to live in Dormitory if we can but that will work out later as then I am it goes on I'm sure Eula Clark is lovely.

Altar of Sacrifice

Tai Shan

Now to go back + connect the link of my story!; We stayed on at that place after I wrote you about 10 day They called a meeting for the committee in charge of their work but Pastor Law thought I'd better stay on + finish up the class. It was just exactly my idea so I was glad for that sanction! My Bible class in matt. was just one joy. How the Master blessed. We got thru it with a little fretting but indeed there was the blessing of the Holy Spirit. There were 15 who came regularly every night. It was a leisure time for them + some had been led to gambling. In fact one the man lost the value amt of his place one night. There were all the relatives of Rev. Law + had not been baptized but just heard much of Christianity. That man felt so disgraced he didn't come for a week or so but we kept on praying + going for him that last he came back but didn't make the final decision for baptism. Mr. Y. Law is his name. pray for him. One other very clever young man - only his wife, mother + 2 kiddies in family — also gambled — Had $10.00 in a gambling device by which all would put down 1 copper or any amt of money + they promised to quit 30 times till amt

& put out to the one writing the characters on a piece of paper & guessing the one that they had first decided on! Well for a while or so he came to class & at noon went to his gambling - Such an unhappy man he was! At last one day he lost all of his profits a man won $30.00 - so he decided he'd quit - He got out his 10.00 & said he was through. He made a decided fully & was baptized. Another was just a joy. He'd not heard much of the gospel. was living on Quarter street. He was most outspoken frank & childlike in disposition. When he didn't understand he'd get so upset & often say such funny things in his dry way He truly believed & was baptized even tho at last those on his street persecuted him; He was brought thru the word & the Spirit using the Word to convict him. We were held up by rain & snow & Rev. Clair's delay in returning to baptize them. It turned out beautifully also, They'd all wanted pictures taken & the day before it was lovely & my! the excitement — Like New Year festival! Mothers were bustling about getting out their sons good clothes out of boxes & bundles There was a group at one home shaving & cutting hair etc. Girls & students all got out best flowered clothes! It was exciting. These folks are so nice - They have so little in way of luxury that I love to give them the joy. You can't imagine it really - an american crowd would be just bored because there so fed up on luxuries Well the picture came out well & I'm glad!



The next day was freezing + cloudy so we had had just one nice day for the pictures.

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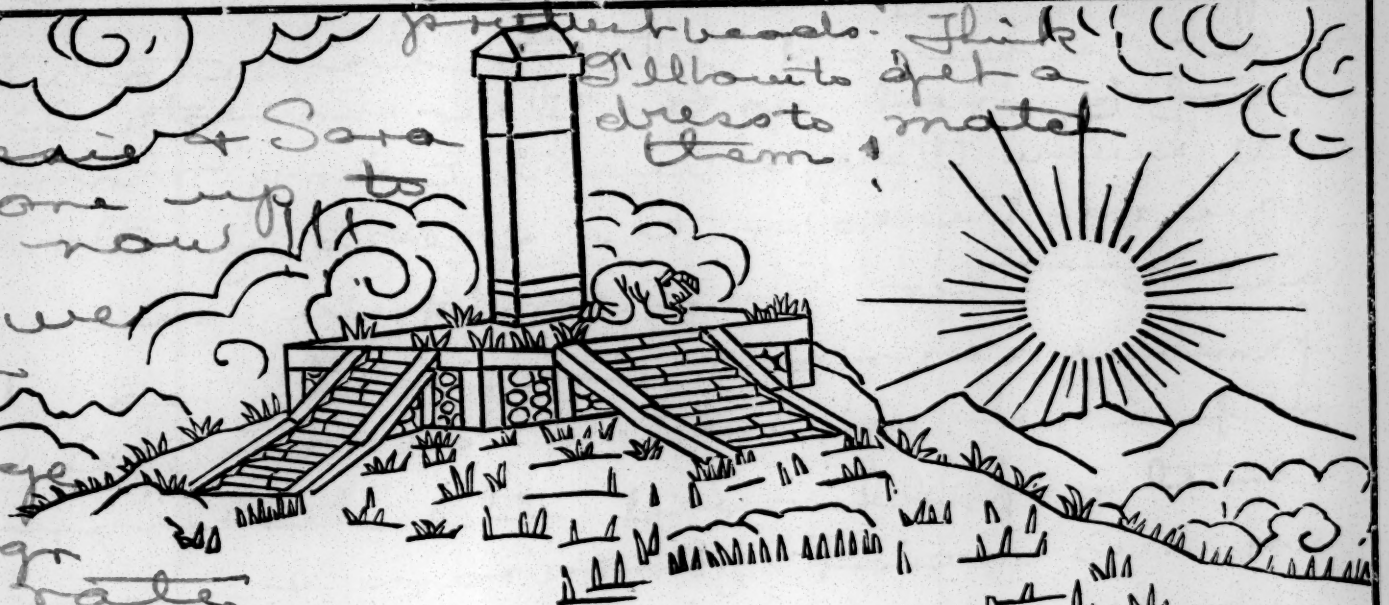
Tai Shan

We walked the 12 li to Mao Chia Ling to get a bus. The carters who pushed the wheelbarrows of things had a bad time really - the roads were icy + twice the little donkies fell. We got to Mao Chia Ling + the 72 yr. old lady was so glad to see us! She had been ill + had had finished her book so she could read it to the end We knitted her long wristlets + she was overjoyed. She said I never could come back for it left her so lonely when I left she couldn't stand it! Bless her heart she was a dear. We waited till 4 P.M. almost at last the message came + we got off the King where we'd gone to map - & off we tore to catch it. A full car loaded with luggage to lumber thro the awful muddy roads. It did so far as Tsimo — no hope for Tsingtao. They decided first because I was on my face (a foreigner.) they'd be able to get by the restrictions of coming in late but as we had 'in a hurry before guess they decided my face wasn't good looking enough even in the dark for

8] 3 hrs overtime - Sowent to Suma, miss
Elaine sister - Then we had a grand
sleep 11 & early Sun a.m. 5P.M got up to
make last lap of the journey. Idonat
like Sun. traveling & its the first time
I've been so caught. Last Mon. exams not
getting off to write - made it potential.
Monday got the exams 5th yr. ½ half-
exams off. Mr. C. complimented me very
highly! Well that's 1 credit of 3 off +
½ written at least 1000 characters + 500
slips recognized. That 'last' doesn't mean
I know all of the characters - last of
requirements. I have another term to
do. Came in on Sunday & her were my
Christmas boxes which I should have
mentioned first! Thank you all!!!
Mumsie the silk undies & stockings
are lovely! They are too nice. You shouldn't
not have gotten so much! Thankyou.
Eudaltose towels are beauties! Too nice
to use now. I'll save them till I come
back & so beautifully wrapped! That new
paper is so attractive I loved it. In fact
I rewrapped them & one pack. didn't even
open. I'm sure the twin roosters the twins
sent? Did you make them at school
boys? They are fine! Richard, sorry, I
laughed so at your clever new years
greeting with the autos racing thru the
gate. Did you know you drew a
perfectly good Chinese city gate?

Bessie sent a lovely picture of Elaine + Margaret. The youngest heads. I like Gillouts dress to match them!



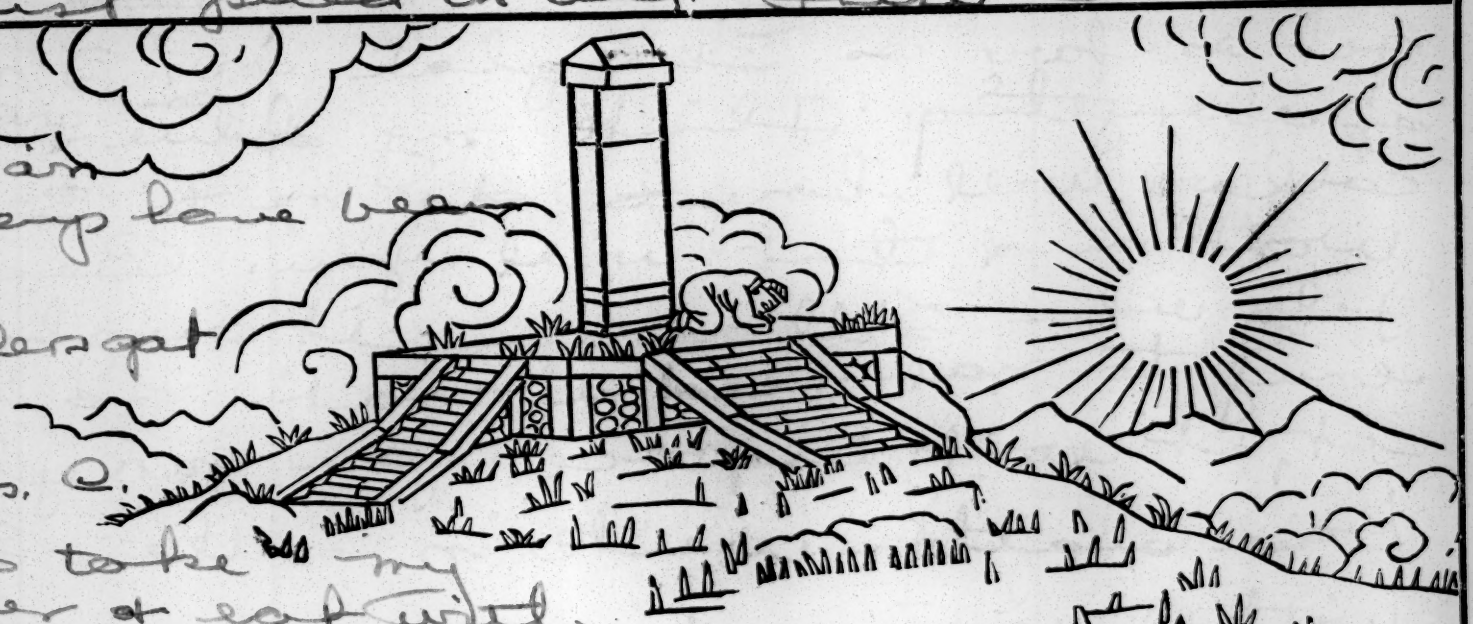
I've enclose a note for Bessie + Sara — postage gone up to 2D a letter now. Just heard we've been too rich with $1 exchange so keeps foreign postage up to rate. I wish I could write to each one but my! I'm surely busting these few days. Maybe by degrees I'll get them off. But my! I'll be busy this spring! I guess family will understand. The conference at Weihsien has been just wonderful. It was of delegates from all Shantung + a very famous Christian of Japan was the main speaker 'Kagawa'. By permission we were able to take my four girls + such fun as we had. We had one big bed — + all five of us slept in a row on it, much to the surprise of all. a foreigner + Chinese all in one bed! We were very comfy. I didn't expect to have foreign food as we were extra, as first planned, but they planned for me to eat 2 meals a day in foreign homes. + I saw from remarks that they'd not like it if I didn't so I did as they said + sure when it came to paying they said I was a guest in their home. I

10/ paid anyway but it was fortunate I'd not refused their hospitality! It was empty to not go to their home to live!

It was there a week. Every morning Dr. Kagawa gave lectures on the cross of Christ — 12 hrs all together. This world famous man + his famous sermons are justly so. He is so true + faithful + his stand on the Bible + his absolutely [illegible] the standard of the master in his social program + his slum life that what he gives in lieu of Christian cooperative organizations for the poor one knows is true + workable because he's done it before he lectures — Such a marvelously wide scope of interests in every line!! yet a deep vital spiritual life + so filled with the love of Christ. That is his whole theme! He is author of 60 books + already is famous just in literary way! Formerly bitterly persecuted by govt he now is invited by them to help in social programs! His heart is for anything to help solve the problem of poverty in the world. He strongly + repeatedly affirms the need of cross for redemption + Christs vicarious atonement + all the vital doctrines but ever more than doctrines insisted we must practise the teachings + the only way we can is to each one in fullest surrender each one carry the cross in sacrifice for others.

I came to know a English girl his secretary + link to home supporters a wonderfully fine spiritual girl — She came with me on week-end to Imigtao + stayed here for her boat Thurs. noon. I got her off + her ticket + all + came home so

It's weary I just piled in bed. Have 3 months I have n't been getting a nap am dog tired + sleep have been



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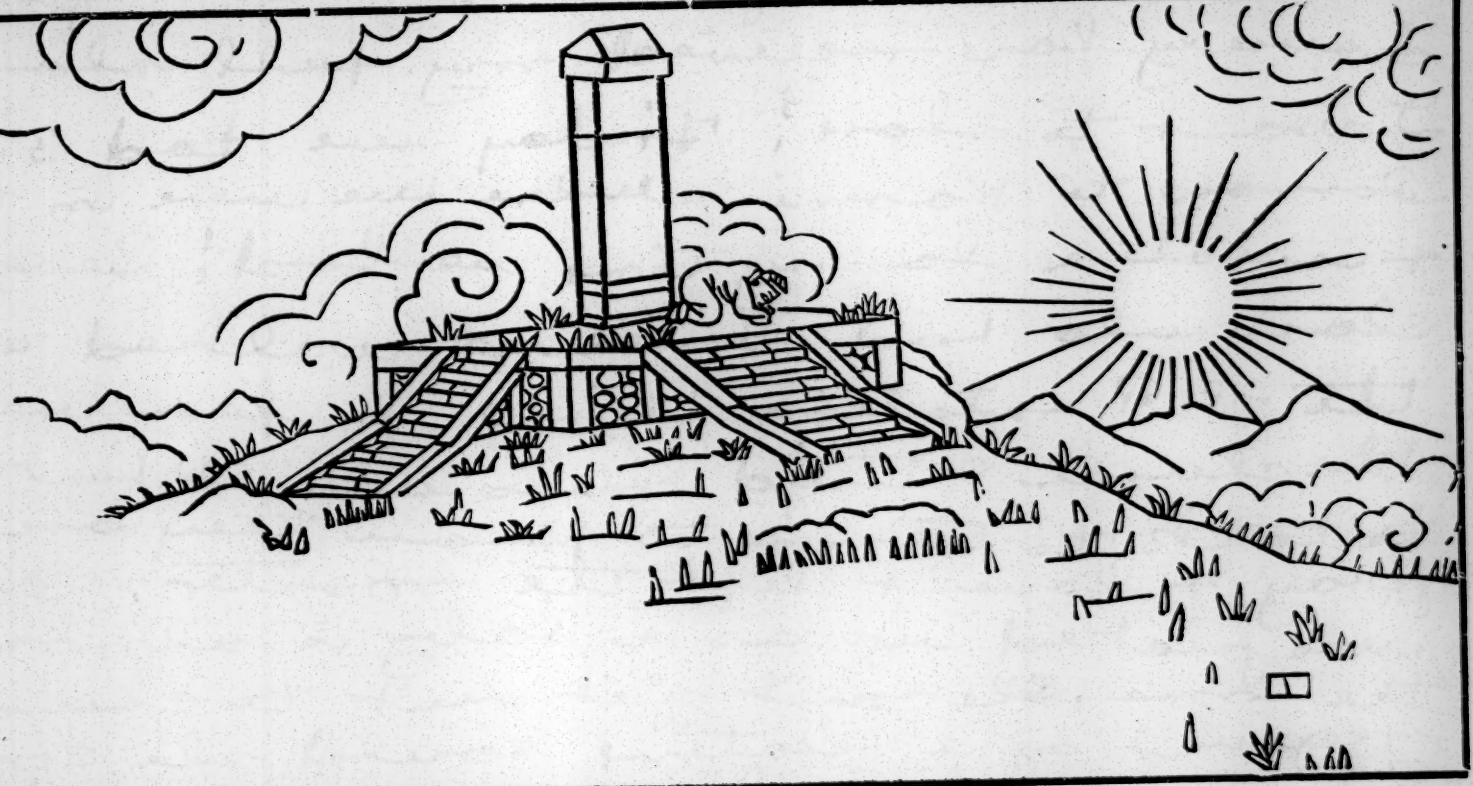
Tai Shan

the ups. Mrs. C. asked me to take my supper over & eat with them so we could visit a bit. I did & came home early to bed. I'm today up early - stamped my [illegible] to consulate + got picture - back to bed ~~bed~~ to Mrs Chandler + Mrs. Ling, a mich. graduate who knows Warren, who is our new girl's School principal + ever so fine!! I'm seems to be days for our school visit. her! Then miss Chan + Wang came + we went downtown on an errand + then back to write you. I have had supper now in between + played ric. a bit. It has had very hard trips + its slat ~~slat~~ just rebelled + broke so just put it into its repair. Seems to be in fine shape again. It is so hard on it over rocky bumpy roads in springless carts + barrows - but it has done quite famous service! My guitar is a worse wreck! Lydia C. wants one so badly I guess I'll give it to her. She must mending with little brass clamps + a patch of brass over a hole have changed its tone until it isn't nearly so pretty. I want to study it while home if I can. for it too is a help! Martha Wylie in N.Y. offered to send me a lot to go

done in + I may have ten's and a dress to get as far as Shanghai in. I'm just out of everything. I think my blue + grey fur coat with collar will have to do me to Seattle. You won't mind that will you. Besides in July when I'll arrive it ought to be warm enough to not need a coat - so if I carry it, it won't disgrace you maybe.
Have another week in then I'm going with Mrs Jan to my shiners home for the New Year. Have never seen New Year festivities in the country, + its my only time to go before furlough. I want to answer up letters + write H'qrs report + plan a bit about going + things to take home, as I'll be out six weeks in five days + go again to be gone till June 1 when I'll come in to pack up. I expect near June 15th to go to Shanghai to fix up last things + my clothes a bit. I may be ~~detained~~ that but that is present plan. Margaret W. is to be my cabin mate + Walters of whom I'm so fond will be on the same boat. Isn't the master too kid !! Dear Isabel is expecting a baby in Feb. She's way up in Yunnan + don't if there's a doctor there - + her last spell of dysentery I fear will tell on her. - I'll be glad to hear from her! Well, dearest ones good nite - I'm still a bit weary + I want to slip over to see Sydia a minute - Lots of love + thanks for the gifts of love — Irene



Altar of Sacrifice on Tai Shan

Ocean mail
Wonderful letter -
Lots of Love
Sincerest Sweet

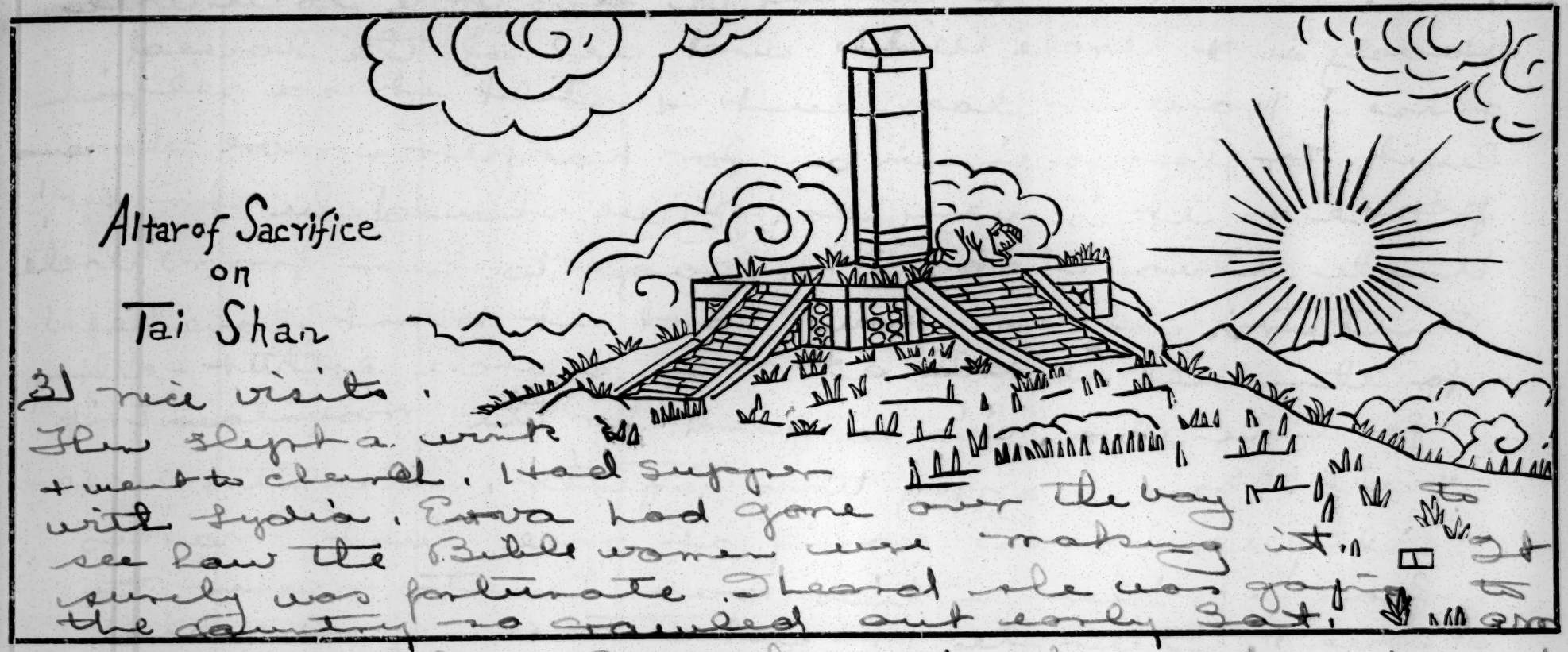
9 Tai Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung
February 17, 1930

Dearest Mummie!

Precious mummie this is your birthday. It is nine - thirty at night here + you're just getting up - I'm sorry there is no gift waiting for you. Before I left last time I sent a wee one - a little Japanese lacquer tray - with much love - but it is late. I'm so sorry!! May you have a very happy birthday + many more even happier is the prayer I breathe to the Father above + it is with a grateful heart that I humbly bow in thanksgiving to you, as mother for my precious mummie dearest!

Came in Friday night + home in the morning - Have most of the things packed + am about all ready to go - but this your letter I want to get off! How full these days are!! my! have so many callers - delightful chinese friends whom I enjoy so much. but it does take time + energy - it does take it out of one for

ness but I am glad if I can give a bit—
I surely has received my full share & more &
I want to share! Friday we had 3 hrs on a wheel-
barrow to Kaomi where we were in the spring-
& such a happy time we had! Several of that
class who had believed walked a long way to
the R.R. station twice & for fear said not go to
the church & their miss was! What a joy it was
to talk to them & to know they are true & still
pray & love it light the master. One girl who
was picked up as a baby is almost a slave in
the home. She can't get out to church & only at the
request of a relative could she come to see us!
She said this - she prays every night & loves
the master! One of the teachers said before
she'd fix dinner for us & she did! rice noodles
soup & most tasty vegetables to in the
term she used to "steam or scald our hearts"! Well,
it truly did & cleared us so. Their loving recep-
tion was so true & wholehearted! We got on
a 4:30 train & all the mill workers & home for
holiday folks' were returning to work so
it was impossible to get into the coach. Fortun-
ately we got it & cleared our one basket
& medicine case. So it was out on the plat-
form & that was as far as we got - Sat out
on them & huddled the end of the car - many of
us use a shelter from the wind but by the time we
were down here we were surely glad for our hot
noodles. Home & read letters till late - piled
in weary - Sat callers & rested a bit - Sunday
had hopes of getting rest - & write - then came a
Bible woman from Kaomi before lunch - she
visited while I ate & had tea & then another &
before they'd gone two other friends. You may
remember about the miss clinic who had t.b.
2 years ago - Well, she's well & miss had such



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31 nice visits.
Flew slept a. wink
+ went to church. I had supper
with Lydia. Edna had gone over the bay to
see how the Bible women were making it. It
surely was fortunate I heard she was going to
the country so crawled out early Sat. and
to go to see her. As I feared she was going out
in foreign cold clothes: I borrowed my fur garments
+ warm down quilt + nice trousers —
She came back tonight saying — you saved
my life! How wonderful the way the Master
provides. Came in 7 P.M. nite - She left Sat. a.m.
+ back Mon. eve. +I leave Tues. a.m. The clothes
hardly got cold! I was glad she could use them
surely! Today I thought I'd have most time -
but today got off for another month. This
a.m. I wrote Belle a letter to all of the
family + enclosed this bit of poem for
"do Auntie a" —

Ah memories sweet that come crowding
As I think of your dear Auntie a
From the time of your first visit westward
And your smile is still with me today.

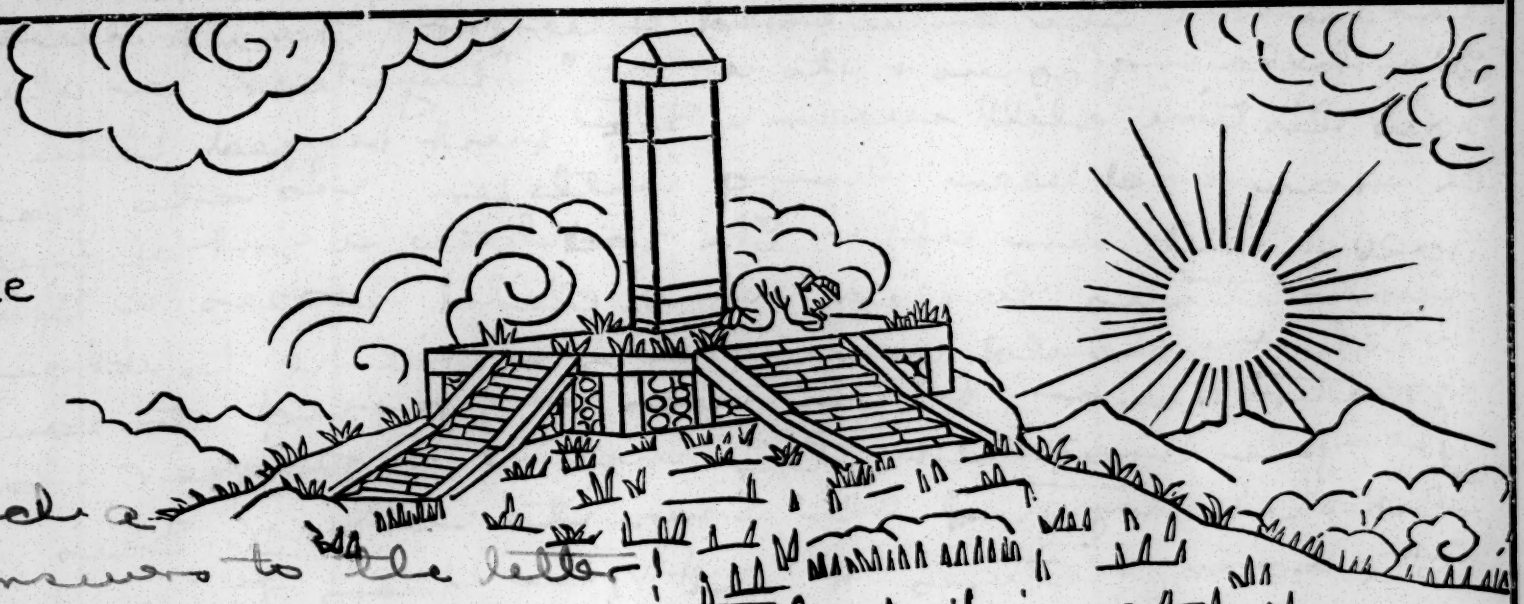
Our hearts, ah my dearest of aunties
For our our loss are bleeding + sore,
But With deep joy and our grief is mingled
You're with christ and our loved ones who've gone on before.

I hear the hopeless death wail of hearts
Who know not the Saviour's sweet love
God forgive our neglect with thy Spirit empower
To them give this hope of a home up above.

4. Oh, mumsie mine Auntie A has gone to be with Daddy Si & Uncle Willis and all of the loved ones! How it does hurt & still it is a selfish hurt, for her she's in a far happier & more glorious place & it is very happy we should be for her! Uncle Alva too! I'm eager to hear from Uncle Arthur in illness. How hard it must have been for them all & all at once & Uncle Arthur calling for Uncle Alva. I'm so glad for the mountain trip & all those happy times together. How true especially dear ones going at once just makes heaven nearer & ties our hearts nearer to Heaven. I wrote Hazel too as you said. Yes dear it is best to tell me — I have to know & we must not let such things worry us to the spoiling of our peace — all is in His hand! "Naught can come to us but what His love allows." My it is after eleven again- a friend of mr. Les my former teacher & one who taught in our language school came to call. Such a nice man! I enjoyed it & it was so nice of him to think to come- but makes me burn the candle — It will be easier in the morning go on the 10:40 train so can sleep till six & not get out at 4- as for the seven train. Had a nice dinner today at Mischlers. Her brother is so nice - a Dr. who with his young wife (who is a midwife) have just moved here. One of nicest truest Christ men I've met! How are surely fine friends & I'm grateful for them!

Those addresses - Mrs. Robert Gibson 919 Pearl Street
Springdale Pa.

Mrs. R. Carl Bowers, 29 Christian Ave, Hubbard, Ohio
Ada Bayer (try) 21 Chestnut Street, Lebanon, Pa.
Frances Borton - me minnie Ill - is all I know



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5] my! such a pack of answers to the letter! Again I guess I'll decide that it is worth while — But it makes awful fog for you. Was Belle's or Mary's name on the list. That family ought to be. I forget. I surely thank you dearest. Be sure to count the postage + all!! That was right to send to supporting societies — only if Mrs. Higgins gets one — she gets it printed + the Board sends to "supporters" — ask her if you write again.

Cook just about wept today. I let him take camera home to take pictures of mother + wife etc — + lo it came out the whole roll spoiled! I too felt so sorry! It was a real event — all spoiled! Nice to see Harry + Anna! I saw accot in paper of Berry Grove's big meeting.

I must close — this letter But do want to pass on the joy of this. While we were at a place and old lady came in who grandson was in the church primary school. I'd given him a Bible — the cook a song book + I gave him warm trousers. She came to thank us + came again + again. All the Christians just open ly scorned "Can she believe" + Why waste our time preaching to her" attitude outspoken. She said she'd believe Well we left + the pastor's wife brought the sequel Saturday evening. My heart is still aglow with the thrill of it! She was a most notorious swearer — well

& She stopped it + a number teased her to try to make her swear. She answered & right - "I can't swear at you & I'm following Jesus + it's wrong" They took her clothes thinking now this time she'll swear - She just begged them to return them; a man had been living with her + he packed his bed roll + went him off - She had been a sort of priestess; & the superstitious belief if a child tosses a spirit - or if one is ill one should burn paper + incense to idols - Some have greater power & she was supposed to have That - So people brought their incense + paper for her to burn. But she's stopped she says its wrong. She burned all the gods pictures + at New Years time did not worship her ancestors! She poor - but said some 10 pounds of sweet potatoes to bring 25 coppers to church. Can only she hasn't missed a Sunday! She said at 29 she stole a pair trousers + at 44 a chicken etc + what must she do about it! Could god really forgive her foul mouth! Minister asked if she could pray & she said "no"; He asked her how she prayed + in most simple claims - the English doesn't give the real "flavor" at all - She prays - Jesus give me a little opening of my heart's eyes (intelligence) I want to say a few words to you. I can't talk with you my heart is all excited + nervous! Not a prayer for wealth or self or anything else but just just to be able to talk with Jesus! It is a wonderful lesson to all! The church members in spite of their scorn realize she believes + its real + all have acknowledge it - not to speak of her witness to those non-christians at whom she's not swearing - Isn't it a sweet work of the Holy Spirit. More of this kind of power is what we crave + need! Miss Low + I said no matter what the trials or so called hardships in the light of that they all fade to mere nothingness, + we'll gladly go through only for such glimpses of glory - but we want a great glory vision.

It is past midnight + I'm utterly weary, mummie dear. Good night sweet matter mine - lots lots of love to you - + to all.

Isn't it a joy to walk with Him - Lovingly Irene -

(Jun) Can send it back